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From: Evans, David
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 4:40:18 PM
Subject: FW: fact checking re: Gold King Mine Release

Tom,

Do you have any additional thoughts on possible ways to explore the source of the 40% figure. I'm glad to follow up with anyone you might think worth checking with.

Thanks,

Dave

From: Tingley, Kevin **On Behalf Of** EOC Water
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Evans, David
Subject: fact checking re: Gold King Mine Release
Importance: High

Hi Dave,

A question has arisen regarding a statistic cited in a 2000 EPA Report entitled "Liquid Assets 2000: America's Water Resources at a Turning Point"

(EPA-840-B-00-001).

This stat appears on page 10 of that report:

Mining in the western United States

has contaminated stream reaches in the headwaters of more than 40 percent of the watersheds in the West. EPA is spending \$30,000 per day to treat contaminated mine drainage at the Summitville Mine in Colorado, which will cost an estimated \$170 million to clean up. Remediation of the halfmillion abandoned mines in 32 states may cost up to \$35 billion or more.

I have not been able to determine the original source of this 40% figure.

Do you have any familiarity with this report and, if so, could you try to find out where the 40% estimate originated?

Please forward as appropriate, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

-Kevin Tingley

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